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Residence construction under way

Phase seven is scheduled to be completed by September 2003. Maybe this building will help accomodate some of the unfortunate students who were unable to get a place in residence this year. *photo/Tammi Sulliman*

U of T initiates program

First-year students first to experience pilot program

By Michelle Rabba

As of this fall, first year students are encouraged to be involved on campus with the implementation of a program that promotes student participation – the Passport Program.

Student Affairs has developed the Passport Program as a tri-campus initiative to "excite students to get involved with reward points." Targeted towards first year and commuter students, the program, as described by Student Centre Events Coordinator Jay Nicols, is "a glorified calendar of events with incentives." More specifically, Student Affairs designed and implemented the program to encourage student participation while specifying information regarding campus events and general services that the university offers.

The Passport Program Presentation revealed an "easy to follow structure with centralized advertising where students can organize their schedules ahead of time," said Nicols.

The program attempts to encourage students to learn about their university and get involved during their first year, which could motivate them to continue participation in later years.

"Students within their first six weeks of university are at their most crucial time. If they become involved and participate by that point, they're more likely to continue all the way to graduation. Those first weeks are the magical moments. That's when you can make the difference, which is what Passport really hopes to do," said Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton.

Deanne Fisher, Project Officer at Student Affairs, also emphasizes the importance of student involvement around campus and its impact on university life. "Involved students are better at managing their time. They have balance in their lives and they find ways through their involvement to apply much of what they are learning in the classroom. We needed to get that message across to students that coming to U of T is not just about going to classes – it is so much more."

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> – Deanne Fisher

The program also offers rewards and incentives for those students who participate and complete the passport. The creators "searched out people who would be

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Shuttle bus implements new 'swipe card' system

By Michelle Rabba

Students who previously exploited Erindale's UTM's subsidized shuttle bus to the St. George campus will not have the same opportunities to do so this year. As of June, shuttle bus services began a more stringent method of checking student ID's and tickets in an attempt to eliminate inappropriate use.

Currently, a "'shuttle bus bouncer'" is checking to make sure students are using the proper tickets designated for St. George and UTM students. Also, a palm and swipe card reader is being installed to easily track details such as full-time or part-time status of a student and the designated campus for that individual.

Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton explained that, "there was concern that there may have been abuse of the system from students who weren't subsidizing the operation of the bus, but were getting the benefits of subsidized fares. The implementation of the shuttle swipe system will allow us to confirm that students who are paying the UTM subsidized fare are actually eligible to."

Many students abuse the shuttle bus

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"We're all pushing for a greater sense of community"
– Student Centre Events Coordinator Jason Nicols on the Passport Program, page 3

UTM welcomes new principal

U of T also gains new Provost

By Stefano Macoretta

UTM students will enter the school year with a new principal, Ian Orchard, who replaces Robert McNutt. Orchard joined the university in 1982 after completing a doctorate at the University of Birmingham. With his long and respectful list of accomplishments, Orchard promises to be well qualified for his role as principal.

Orchard is well known throughout the university community. He is a Professor of Zoology and spent five years as a researcher at York University. He specializes in the study of insect neurobiology. He has extensive administrative experience as well, having served as the Associate Dean of Science in the Faculty of Arts and Science at U of T from 1993 – 1997 and later as Vice-Dean, before his last role as the first U of T Vice-Provost, Students. McNutt called this an "excellent appointment" and described Orchard as having a "pleasant personality that everyone can get along with."

Orchard has vastly improved the university's recruitment programming by developing a highly accountable and effective student aid program. "I am responsible for the hiring and replacement of directors within my portfolio – [I have] helped to orchestrate a wide range of highly successful student recruitment programs. We are now seeing the fruits of these efforts," said Orchard.

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In the admissions cycle over the past year, "we captured 40 percent of the overall growth in the Ontario system without compromising our admissions standards. We are up 20 percent in applicants from the Ontario system and we've also nearly doubled international student enrollment over the last five years."

With the upcoming growth of UTM's faculty and students, Orchard stressed the opportunities that come with faculty renewal are enormous, and faculty recruitment and retention must be a high priority in order to maintain and enhance the research strength of UTM. "We must ensure that excellent research continues to promote excellent teaching and that excellent teaching continues to promote excellent research," he said.

Several individuals around the UTM campus already feel that Orchard has done an effective job in executing his role as the representative for the campus. Orchard's desire and enthusiasm towards student involvement was underlined as well.

"I've always found him to be very responsive to students, and very attentive to issues that students hope administrators are considerate of," said Dean of Student

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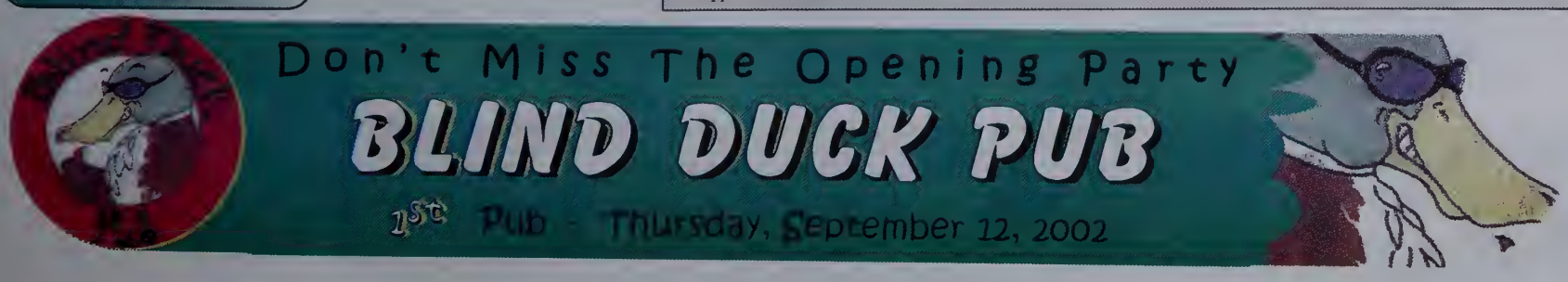

UTM Residence appoints new director

BY MICHELLE RABBA

Since July 15, residence students have had the opportunity to deal with a new face on campus.

Replacing Mike Lavelle as the residence director at UTM is Chris McGath, who brings with him a list of accomplishments and achievements.

Previously working as the assistant director of residence life at Simon Frazer University, he holds a master of education degree from University of Vermont. McGrath, however, is not unfamiliar to student activity as he is renowned for his active work and participation in several associations, including the student affairs and services association.

More recently, McGrath was one of five recipients recognized for his contributions in relation to student affairs last year. He was the first Canadian bestowed as one of Annuit Coeptis emerging professionals by the American College Personnel Association.

"Chris comes to UTM with experience and academic knowledge of residence life and student development. He will be a great asset to further developing UTM's residence," Residence Manager Jan-Michael Maw.

Although Chris is a recent addition to UTM's residence, he already has a positive and enthusiastic feel for the future and his involvement with campus. "I'm going to be spending a lot of time trying to work with other folks on campus who either see the focus of their work as community building or who are looking to extend the vision of UTM. I want to work with them to really get a sense of what it means to be in the UTM community."

Chris McGrath embraces his new office in Phase Six. *photo/ Tammi Sullliman*

When asked what he hoped to achieve through his role at UTM, McGrath revealed his intention on emphasizing unity and uniformity around campus. "I think really my biggest goal is around building cultural change and trying to establish a community with cultural involvement here."

He also revealed his hopes to put UTM on the map. "We are privileged to be a part of the nation's largest university, and privileged to be in a smaller community within that university. My vision right now is about building a culture and starting to put us on the map."

Although he is a recent addition to UTM, McGrath has already been warmly received and recognized around campus. "Although Chris has only been with us for a short period, in that time he has impressed me with his intellect and personal style," said Maw.

Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton is also positive about McGrath's role as Residence Director. "The search committee was quite taken with him. We think he's a very good match for where the campus is heading."

Overton also feels McGrath's background of familiarity and knowledge with students allowed him "to gain experience on dealing with difficult issues. This will allow him to bring a nice balance to handling certain matters that come up in residence life."

McGrath, however, is not limiting his pursuits to assisting first-year residence students only. He hopes to implement a "residentially based program for first-year students. We want to promote the first year, and promote the transition through other years as well." Ultimately, McGrath is enthusiastic towards his new role at UTM and feels, "there's a lot of opportunity to grow and build, both physically and figuratively."

Shuttle bus enforces card system

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services because UTM students pay a considerably cheaper fare than St. George students. While UTM students are able to purchase tickets for two dollars, St. George students are required to pay five dollars. One incentive for the installment of the swipe card was that several UTM students who transferred to St. George kept and re-used their UTM student card, thus allowing them to purchase the cheaper tickets.

Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services at UTM, explains that "we have had some complaints from UTM students that people who are no longer UTM students were using their old UTM student ID cards to qualify for the lower fare. We also heard rumors that many students registered at UTM first to get a UTM card and then switched to the St. George campus. We are not sure if this is really the situation, but we wanted to do some checking just in case."

Although automation of this system has always been intended, organizers "have only recently been able to implement a quick check scanner to easily identify anyone who is no longer a registered UTM student," said Capewell.. With the implementation of the scanner, Capewell feels that "we get a quick check using up-to-date information to ensure that only those who paid their UTM fees are allowed to ride the bus for the reduced price".

Overton also feels that the use of the system "gives us a better ability to track bus usage. So as we look at ridership, we'll be able to see at what times we get a lot of usage or not. It helps us to do a little bit of tracking and prediction of bus ridership."

Designed by a fourth year Computer Science student and others working within the UTM and ROSI systems, the software is an ideal method to track misuse of student cards and shuttle bus services. If a student is caught, Overton explains that "your card is automatically confiscated, which would solve the problem [of misuse]. After, we would have the option of bringing that person up on student Student Code of Conduct charges, which is something we are seriously considering." He also points out that the system intends to "simply help make sure that people aren't abusing the system" rather than attempting to "trim the ridership." Shuttle bus tickets are available for purchase at the Student Centre Info Booth and North Building.

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Police Reports

August 16, 2002 9:30 p.m. FIRE ALARM: A 9 year old child pulled a fire station at the Colman House for no apparent reason. University Police and Mississauga Fire Department attended. The alarm was reset by an engineer. The child was spoken to by a counselor.

August 17, 2002 11:00 a.m. CALL TO SERVICE: A student lost power to his residence at Phase 1. An electrician was dispatched and repaired the program.

August 17, 2002 2:00 p.m. INFORMATION: University Police was informed by City of Mississauga Security of two suspicious individuals, a man and a woman, both known to police, who loiter the Erindale park near UTM's property.

August 17, 2002 7:14 p.m. CALL TO SERVICE: An engineer was called in to reset the air conditioning system in the South Building.

August 18, 2002 12:45 a.m. FIRE ALARM: A 13 year old boy pulled a fire station at Colman House for no apparent reason. Mississauga Fire Department and University Police responded. The alarm was reset by University Police. The child was cautioned.

August 19, 2002 4:40 a.m. FIRE ALARM: A fire alarm evacuated the Phase 6 Building. Mississauga Fire Department and University Police responded. Cause of the alarm could not be determined. The alarm was reset by the attending fire captain.

August 19, 2002 12:32 p.m. INSECURE LAB: A service worker discovered a lab on the second floor of C Block at the South Building insecure. University Police checked the lab and secured the room.

August 19, 2002 10:30 p.m. INTRUSION ALARM: An intrusion alarm sounded at a lab on the second floor of C Block at the South Building. The area was checked and the system was reset by University Police. Cause of the alarm was unknown.

August 20, 2002 1:08 p.m. AGGRESSIVE DRIVING:

University Police investigated a complaint by the Director of Facility Resources about dump trucks driving at excessive speeds on Outer Circle Road. Construction companies representatives were spoken with by University Police.

August 21, 2002 7:36 a.m. INTRUSION ALRM: An intrusion alarm signal was received at the University Police Office. An officer checked the affected lab and found it secure. The alarm was reset. Cause of the alarm could not be determined.

August 24, 2002 8:17 a.m. INTRUSION ALARM. Construction contractors set off a lab alarm. Campus Police attended and reset.

August 24, 2002 11:22 a.m. THEFT UNDER $5000: A Phase 1 resident reported two mountain bikes stolen from the front of his home.

August 24, 2002 12:55 p.m. THEFT UNDER $5000: A Phase 5 resident reported the theft of a mountain bike from the back of his home.

August 24, 2002 10:30 p.m. THEFT UNDER $5000: A Phase 1 resident had her ownership and insurance documents stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in lot #7. Campus police found no signs of forced entry.

August 25, 2002 9:02 a.m. INSECURE DOOR: Campus Police were called to investigate an insecure office door. It was determined the door was accidentally left unlocked and no theft or vandalism had occurred.

Neuman becomes provost

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Orchard serves as new principal *Photo/ courtesy UTM website*

Affairs Mark Overton. "I think he will be incredibly sensitive towards student issues."

Adil Mirza, ECSU President, also feels that Orchard will be a positive influence on UTM. "He seems to have a lot of great ideas for the campus and he really wants to put this campus on the map. We're expanding so much in the next couple of years, and I think he can do some great things for this campus."

Another addition to the University of Toronto is the newly appointed Shirley Neuman as the new school Provost, replacing Adel Sedra who served as Provost for the past nine years. Neuman joins us from the University of Michigan where she was a Professor of English and of Women's Studies. She was also Dean of the College of Literature, Science and Arts.

Born and raised in Alberta, Neuman attended the University of Alberta where she received her undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees before she took up the role of sessional lecturer in 1976 and eventually a full professor and chair of women's studies in 1986. In 1992 she was named chair of the English department.

U of T's Public Affairs recently quoted Neuman on her enthusiasm towards her new role. "I'm very excited to be joining U of T at this time," Neuman said. "President Birgeneau's leadership to make this one of the world's top public research universities is a wonderful challenge. His and the university's commitment to accessibility for the best students – no matter what their background, the plans for faculty renewal and the quality of the present faculty, staff and students mean that the next years will shape this university profoundly. I feel privileged to become part of that effort."

One of the qualities Neuman brings to the U of T is her ability to enhance the academic experience for both students and faculty. At the University of Michigan, she worked to increase diversity and strengthen research and academic programs.

She also worked to enhance neurosciences and rebuild programs in Asian, African American and American studies. Her ideas included new undergraduate programs in environment and organizational studies. She hired marketing and recruitment directors to assist the college in more effective student recruitment and established special recruitment weekends for graduate students.

"Shirley Neuman represents the ideal as an academic administrator. She is an accomplished academic continuing her scholarly work while providing exemplary leadership," said U of T President Robert Birgeneau in a recently distributed memo.

"Throughout her career, she has shown commitment and sensitivity to equity issues and remained unrelenting in her commitment to excellence," Birgeneau added. "She is a leading Canadian academic who is coming back from the U.S. to help us achieve our vision of making U of T one of the world's top public research universities."

Program generates interest

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willing to provide incentives, like Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Second Cup, the Bookstore" said Nicols. By offering incentives to students, "they get a stamp, get a reward for it, and it pushes them to go that extra step further," he said.

Students who collect all of the required stamps are eligible to receive prizes such as 25 percent off at the Bookstore, coupons from Starbucks and Second Cup, or entry into a draw for Travel Cuts travel brochures or free textbooks for a year, to name a few. All students who fill out their passports also receive a certified letter from U of T acknowledging their participation.

To obtain a finished passport, students are to collect the required amount of stamps designated for each of six categories- Get Ready (attending orientation events and tours), Life Skills (attending seminars and workshops), -Social Studies (attending various plays, lectures, etc.), Helping Hand (volunteer participation), Club Crawl (involvement in student clubs), and Follow the Leader (leadership roles in various organizations).

The program is also a great opportunity as students "participate in events held at the Library, Career Centre or the Bookstore while getting them out of the way in 1st year, as most students don't find them until their second year," said Nicols.

Other students are encouraged to become involved, even though the program is not directly applicable to them. "They can participate in that they can still go to events, they just don't get a stamp."

The program specifically targets first year students and commuter students, who are typically less informed on campus activities and events. Fisher feels that commuter students are the least involved as residence students "already have a lot of support and encouragement through their residence dons. Commuter students are very alienated on campus– it's a big problem– and this is just one way to try to tackle it." If the program proves to be successful and promotes student activity as intended, it will be expanded upon to involve older students for next year and thereafter.

"This group of people that are coming in right now, this cohort will be followed through with new passports every year they go through, sort of like our test market all the way through the process," said Nicols.

"If the pilot program for first years is successful, we have ideas to expand the program in subsequent years, and tailor it to second, third, and fourth year students – eventually leading into a leadership development program," added Fisher.

The program has already generated interest so far as she sees. "I've noticed a lot of students at Student Affairs who are bringing in the passports with them."

All organizers involved in the program are positive about the program and its potential outcome. "The whole concept is that we're not looking to prevent people or to monitor them in a stringent way. We're looking to encourage them socially and want them to enjoy their experience and feel welcome. We're all pushing for a greater sense of community," Nicols explained. "We're trying to build that sense of community from the ground up, and unfortunately we can only do it from the ground up."

Tantamount to any project targeted towards a large group, there remains to be students who would be uninterested in participating with the program. Those who choose to not participate in Passport are "missing a great opportunity to be more easily and readily informed about the campus and the university" said Overton. The Passport Program will be distributed to incoming students with theie T – Cards and at major orientation events.

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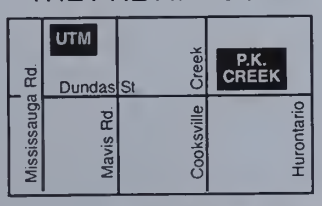

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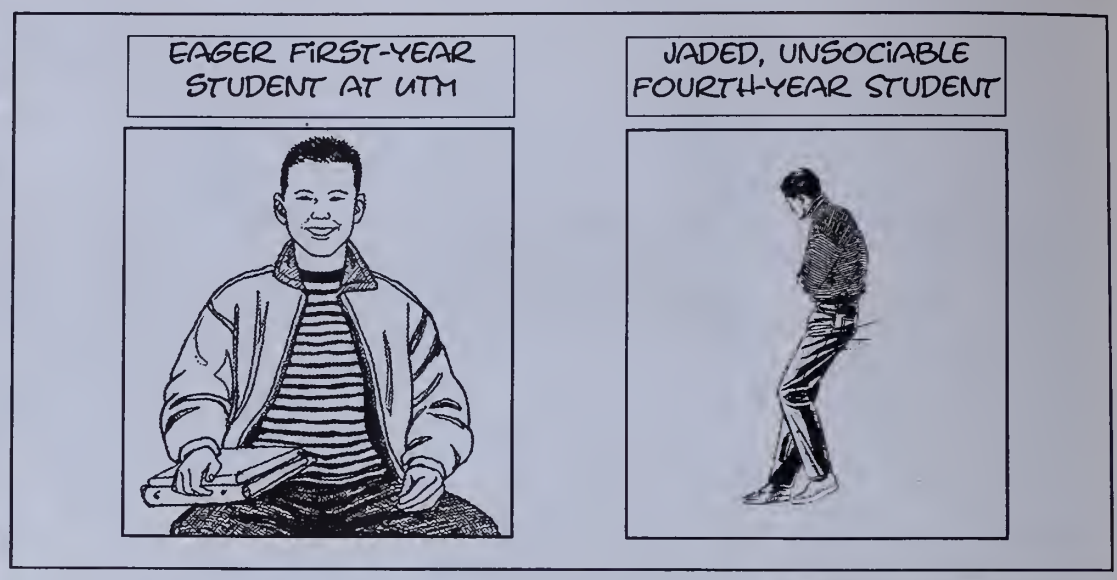

No more student apathy

EDITORIAL

Welcome all first-year students to UTM. We don't know how long you'll last here but try to stick it out, there's some good stuff 'round these parts.

The U of T has put into operation the Passport Program. Student Affairs designed the program to give incentives to new students to participate in 'outside the classroom' activities. It's an open invitation to students to stretch their legs around the campus and take an interest in their surroundings – with benefits. Take part in ECSU, SAC and EPUS events, volunteer as a deejay at Vibe or write for The Medium, join a club and get those stamps on your passport and get 25% off at the bookstore and other implemented incentives. For the price you pay for books, you'll be glad for the discount.

However, the pilot program is just one small step in an effort to make the non-academic student life more enriched. The challenge lies in administration making a concerted effort to ameliorate the campus environment on the whole – making it more inviting to students. With 'cold' names matching the buildings' menacing exteriors, for example the "North Building," "South Building" and "Student Centre," it's no wonder why students don't want to stay on the campus after their class.

The campus has to become a more friendly and inviting place to students. We certainly hope that the administration will work with student societies to look at other programs and ways to change the campus atmosphere, so the students feel that UTM could become a second home during their university career. We don't want Student Affairs to sit back after launching the pilot program and say, "O.k. we've done our job. If the students don't respond, there's nothing more we can do." It'll take a lot more than the Passport Program to instill school spirit and pride into our students.

Administration is not totally to blame for the student apathy and 'ghost-town' nature on the campus after working hours. Students also have to take the initiative and add life to the campus. The Medium has a few small tips for the students of UTM:

Don't get stuck in the bubble of commuter life. Too many commuter students drive to class and take off afterwards and head to work. Students need to take advantage of all that the campus has to offer, such as joining sports teams and participating in club events. Once the students recognize that they too have the power to change the atmosphere at UTM, we will be on our way to getting rid of the student apathy that plagues our campus.

Pop into the Student Centre. Speaking for the few of us who work, live and breathe here, we need to see some non-Student Centre faces now and then. We understand the Student Centre might seem uninviting, but only you, the students, can change that. Visit the Student Centre website, look for the events that you might be interested in and expand the social aspect of university life.

Become interested and ask questions. You, the first-year students, are coming into a time of expansion and enrollment growth. This is a good time for UTM. With the double cohort upon us, the university is currently building a Phase Seven residence and a CCIT building, and is making plans for a new Athletics and Wellness Centre, a new library and a new Science building. U of T is throwing around a lot of money and weight for the better good of the campus.

Don't be intimidated and ask questions. We don't want another building like the Student Centre. These new buildings need student input in order to meet our expectations and wants. Make your voice heard and ask the administration the questions you need answered.

Become informed. Quality Service to Students (QSS), a board designed to protect the needs and wants of UTM students, requires more active participation from our campus student body. Go to your elected representative from SAC, ECSU, EPUS or Residence and express your concerns. There's no point in complaining about the campus if you don't open your mouth where it needs to be heard.

Don't succumb to the typical student apathy. We don't need to see anymore of that around here.

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Fri Enjoyed old times in the News corner, teasing Michelle on Quark. Damn Quark. For two hours we couldn't get the text to open up properly in Quark. Finally figured out that Quark is now compatible with Word and texts no longer have to be saved as a "Word Perfect 4.0". My world was thrown into chaos. That's what happens when you upgrade the office and have new versions of programs. Like Photoshop. Took me two and a half damn hours to figure out how to print separats as for Photoshop because none of the old medium guys had Photoshop 7.0. Oh well, hopefully we'll have no printing problems this year. Sat Good Ol' Crow soundtrack. Me, Stephanie and Andrea are working away. My fingers are freezing – I can't even feel the keyboard with my finger tips. Snicked up the fridge today – a whole lotta chocolate. Adam would have loved that. All girls this year - save two pairs of testicles. Romano's and Darryl's. Soon they'll be talking in high pitched voices and eating my stash of chocolate. Romano's jealous that everyone got new computers but him. Sorry man, but you got a your own stapler. I've stuffed my face all day – if I continue this for the rest of the year, I'll be a balloon after issue 26. No food for the next three days. Ah, issue 26. Seems so far away. But I know it's a lie – this will be the fastest year of my life – just like last year. Poor Stephanie is doing a million things at the same time. She's working on three ads and the layout for the Features section – all at the same time. Sun. Darryl has not gone for five minutes without eating food. Michelle thinks Jeff Martin is "shooter". Adam wandered in here and edited my stuff - felt like of times. He says he doesn't miss it but I think he's lying. Holy crap, it's 7:35 p.m. and everyone is done except me!!! Gotta be a first issue record. These unsuspecting editors think it's going to be this easy all the time now – sorry Medium troop, I don't know what happened tonight but it's gotta be a fluke. Awesome Features layout Stephanie! Soon Johanna will be here and our team will be complete. Click Art confuses me – I have no idea how Adam used this crap all year. Wow, nine p.m. on the dot. Who knew we would be done this early? 25 more issues to go. 'Night.

Welcome from ECSU

Welcome to UTM! To those of you starting your university career, congratulations on choosing the best college at the University of Toronto. And to the returning students, welcome back to another fun filled year at Erindale. We at the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) are committed to keeping the students well informed of the on-goings of the UTM community.

Whether it be in the realm of academics or in the social aspects of student life, we will work our hardest to enrich your university experience. We have been hard at work all summer planning events for everyone. We will kick off our year with Frosh Week, which takes place from September 4th-7th, so be sure to check it out. And we have many more activities planned for the coming year: keep yourself posted by visiting us at www.ecsu-online.org, or by dropping by our office in the Student Centre. I encourage everyone to get involved within the UTM community.

There are a vast number of volunteer and paid positions available on campus. Your involvement can influence the lives of many others on this campus, and can help you discover what you do best.

I wish you all the best in the coming year. We are always eager to get feedback from our students. Please drop in to see me at any time.

Warmest wishes,

Adil F. Mirza

ECSU President

UTM Commissioner introduces students to SAC

Dear Students of UTM,

My name is Kashif Yousuf, and I am the Commissioner of Students' Administrative Council (SAC) at UTM for the 2002-2003 academic year. I would like to thank The Medium for allowing me to write this short welcome note to all of the UTM Students.

I am using this 'medium' today to break the ice between the students and the Directors of SAC. We have 6 other great directors working for students this year. The first of which is Sheza Khan who will serve as the SAC UTM Deputy Commissioner. Other directors include Nida Shahid, Humza Hussain, My-Linh Nguyen, Hina Shahid, and Mohammed Hashim. We are all students of different backgrounds, different views, and a different education; however, we all have the same vision: to serve and represent full-time undergraduate students at UTM in order to ensure the best possible undergraduate experience.

You all may now ask how we go about accomplishing this. Well, we are always looking for new and innovative ideas to improve our services for students. Currently, we do provide many essential services to our students. Since SAC at all three campuses represents over thirty thousand students, we provide comprehensive dental and health insurance to students at nominal group rates. We provide free photocopying to our students every month. We have a foosball table and a fax machine that students are more then welcome to use at anytime. And best of all, we have installed two new computers with internet and printing access for students to use when they are at the Student Centre! SAC at UTM also holds many Student Appreciation Days throughout the year. We invite students to drop by and have some light snacks, courtesy of SAC. This also gives students a chance to talk to the Directors and get to know them better. We encourage dialogue with students and are here to represent them and protect their rights. Be sure that we will be their fighting your battle when parking pass prices are increasing or tuition fees is on the rise.

We also have bursaries and scholarships that we offer to deserving students. If you are in financial need and are academically qualified for scholarships, don't forget to apply for the SAC scholarships. We also offer funding to clubs and students who are planning events or special projects based on their need. Students can contact the Clubs Commissioner at www.sac.utoronto.ca or myself for more information on that.

However, and most importantly, we offer our time and sincerity to students. We want the students at UTM to feel represented by us. I encourage all of you to get in touch with the SAC Directors at UTM and learn more about SAC. Attend our bi-weekly meetings if you are interested to see how we operate. If at anytime you, the students of UTM, feel that SAC Directors can be of any assistance to you, please drop by the office in Student Centre Room 131 or email me personally at utm@sac.utoronto.ca.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Kashif Yousuf

UTM Commissioner

SAC letter to students

Dear Frosh and returning Erindalians,

On behalf of the Students' Administrative Council I would like to invite you back to school for another fun and exciting year at Erindale.

SAC is your elected representative body to make sure that all the students get a fair and equitable environment to attain a higher education. This year at SAC we hope to get as many people involved in the everyday decision making of theuniversity, as to ensure the rights and freedoms of all students. It is important for you the student to have a voice and USE IT! Come by the SAC office and find out how your expertise can help your fellow students and the future of Erindale.

It is through SAC that you are provided with your health and dental plan for which I urge you to come by the SAC office and find out how the process works and what is covered for you. If you are already insured through work or parents please click on ROSI and opt-out of the health plan to save $157.

SAC UTM provides you with many services such as photocopying, faxing, conference and club funding and overall help on getting on the right track.

We are always looking for keen individuals that want to help their fellow students and we would be glad to have you part of our organization. If you have any problems at school wither it be low environmental standards, insanetuition fees or academics SAC will help, so get off the couch and get involved. Your cause is our cause, and we will fight for you in everyway possible.

Good Luck and enjoy the rest of the year.

Peace

Mohammed Hashim

University Affairs Commissioner

Students' Administrative Council

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The Medium Welcomes All First-Year Students to UTM

As the school year begins, many new students flood the Erindale campus of U of T, wondering what university has in store for them. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the frosh, as well as to the returning students, and wish everyone an enjoyable and successful year. Although September has barely begun, it will be May before you know it, the school year flown by in a flurry of new friends and fun. To help orient new students to this campus, and as a reminder to returning students, a variety of student services are described below. The people who work with these on-campus organizations are more than happy to help every student who comes through their doors, so make their day and make use of the services available. As well as these services, there are many clubs on campus that can make life at UTM seem more like home; be sure to keep your eyes open for Clubs week in mid-September.

– Johanna Kristolaitis, Features Editor

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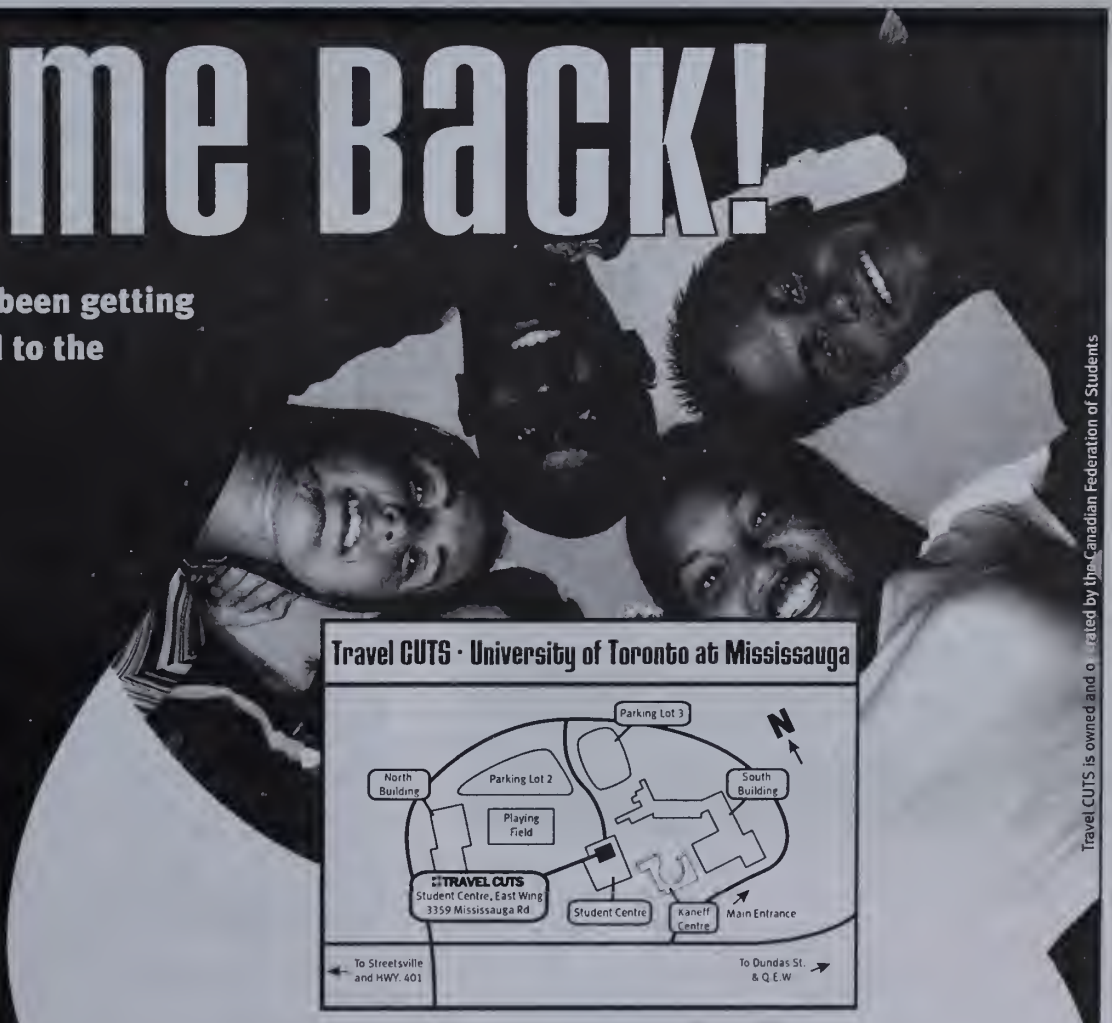

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ECSU

The directors and executives of ECSU, the Erindale College Student Union, serve as the elected representatives for all the full-time undergraduate students at UTM. Our purpose and main goal is to promote the welfare and best interests of the students here at UTM.

ECSU serves as a bridge between the students and the Faculty and Administration of UTM. This facilitates our organization in achieving a direct link between students and all sectors of the University. We sit on various committees (QSS, SCMB, ECC, etc,) representing student issues and opinions on topics such as academics, student services, food services, parking and the Student Centre.

Throughout the year, ECSU holds a number of social events aimed at contributing to your university experiences, memories and friendships. ECSU is here to make your years at UTM as enjoyable and memorable as possible. Some of our more notable events include Frosh Week, Grad Formal, Oktoberfest Pub, Halloween Pub, and various music concerts, among many others.

ECSU also owns the Blind Duck Pub and VIBE Radio (91.9FM), both located in our beloved Student Centre. The Pub is open on a daily basis serving food, drinks, and starting this year: breakfast. VIBE provides an excellent medium for students, who can become volunteer DJ's and play music as well as voice their concerns and opinions to the UTM community. As well, we oversee more than 45 academic, cultural and academic clubs on our campus.

Although ECSU focuses on many social activities and club involvement, the academic realm is not neglected. If you any concerns regarding your courses, professors, or your marks, ECSU is here to represent you, educate you, or assist you in any way we can. ECSU also provides information and guidance to students in serious academic situations, such as academic offences, non-academic offences, petitions and appeals.

Anyone who is interested in what ECSU does throughout the year is encouraged to attend the General Meetings held once per term. Also, for weekly updates on events and happenings on campus, check out the "ECSU View," new this year, and our website **www.ecsu-online.org**. Or feel free to drop by our office, located in the Student Centre, Room 100.

EPUS

The Eridale Part-time UndergraduateStudent organization is run by anexecutive committee consisting of Director GlenHammond, President Mark Marji, Vice-President KarenLam, Tresurer Jaslyn Mclean, and Secretary ShailaKibria. (Class reps are still needed.) The EPUS office provides facilities for part-time students, andaccomodates full-time students. Anyone can come into the office for five cent photocopying; free cotfee, tea or hot chocolate; microwaving lunch; -internet service on the computer in the lounge(20min); access to fax machine; free local phone calls; relaxing in the lounge(very comfortable sofas); meeting other part-time students; health benefits; bursaries, loans and grants; buying bus tickets; a say in other committees (concerns).

The EPUS office is great place for part-time students to feel like they are a part of the University of Toronto community without being a full-time student. Part-time students should look out for OrientationDay. There is no other service for part-time students providing orientation for the first day of school. So see you there, and let the EPUS committeeknow if you would like to be a class representative!

VIBE

Vibe Radio is back on the airwaves! Formally Radio Erindale, Vibe Radio at 91.9 FM offers a diverse range of programming that appeals to the UTM student body. We Broadcast 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the Student Centre. Feel free to drop by and hang out in front of the station and take in some great music. Why not even head into the Vibe Lounge to make some new friends? Vibe can also be heard at our new website www.vibefm.cjb.net so check us out online! We will work with any and all groups to provide quality service to our listeners. Get involved as a DJ, on-air personality, volunteer, or apply for a director / staff position. Have a great year and don't forget to tune into 91.9 Vibe FM!

HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Service is happy to welcome new and returning students to the Mississauga campus. Located just around the corner from the bookstore on the lower level of the South Building, your Health Service is open Monday to Friday from 9 am. During the fall, winter and spring terms we offer extended evening hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, closing at 7 p.m.; we close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

The Health Service is staffed daily by registered nurses; family physicians and consulting psychiatrists are available by appointment. A wide variety of services are available such as first aid, immunizations, allergy injections, health counseling, pregnancy tests, birth control, morning after pill, annual health examinations and health insurance information. Some over-the-counter medications are available to students at no cost; immunizations, birth control pills and certain other prescription medications are provided at very low cost.

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MEDIUM

The Medium is the voice of UTM in many ways. By reporting on what's happening at UTM, students are kept up-to-date on everything from construction plans to parking fee increases to new teachers. The Arts and Entertainment section of the paper showcases reviews of CDs, movies, plays and art exhibits. Sports covers, you guessed it, campus sports. The Features section will never be quite the same week to week as a variety of issues, people, places and happenings will be discussed there. If you're looking for something a bit more controversial, check out the Editorial section where letters from UTM students are accompanied by comments on the week from the Editor-in-Chief, editorial cartoons and perhaps a rant or two.

If this isn't enough journalism for you, drop by The Medium office on the second floor of the Student Centre, and sign up to write. Every section of the paper is in need of volunteer writers and every Erindale student is welcome, even encouraged to volunteer! Or you could write something on your own, such as a letter or an opinion piece, or even some creative writing, and drop it by; we'll try to fit it in somewhere. You can also drop by just to say hi and meet the friendly Medium Staff.

This year's editorial staff are:
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LIBRARY SERVICES

As you begin academic life at UTM, the Library staff would like to warn you about the four dangers you are likely to confront: information overload, research tears, essay headaches and, worst of all, the unknown.

However, do not fear! Librarians in Black, Too are ready and willing to help you combat these dreaded dangers by equipping you with the skills you'll need to succeed. Be sure to attend our session at Academic Orientation this Thursday, September 5th, for details.

UTMAC

UTMAC is an organization that acts as a liaison between the students of UTM and the Centre of Physical Education. Our main goals are to involve as many students as we can in athletics through interfaculty and intramurals sports and sporting events. There are currently 8 executive positions on our council, acting at various meetings and conferences to attain and maintain our goals. We are a fun and enthusiastic council that will do what we can to fulfill the athletic needs of all students at Erindale College.

Our council has elections every year starting in February. The councils' tenure begins that April and has responsibility throughout the summer and school year until the new council is elected in the April of the following year. Feel free to introduce yourself by visiting us at our office located in the South Building room 1114A. If you are looking to be involved, stop by and pick up an athletic guide, look on our boards, and visit the gym.

The gym is open to all students, as part of their incidental fees go to maintaining and adding to the facilities. There are weight machines as well as free weights, and a number of exercise machines (treadmills, stairmasters, etc.). There are alos a number of classes available to students, some free of charge and some for a small fee.

If you have any questions or would like to be a part of our team, give us a call at 905-828-5498 or e-mail us at ecutmac@mail.erin.utoronto.ca. Look for us at Frosh week, with our on- and off-site events. Keep an eye open for our advertisements during the year and plan to attend to our annual Athletic Banquet held at the end of the year.

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CAMPUS POLICE

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The University Police is a part of UTM's unique infrastructure which allows students and staff to deal with academic life in its totality.

There are ten officers mandated to look after your personal safety. They deal with the wide range of situations and problems generated by UTM's community of 7000 people. The University Police officers act on instances of crime, medical emergencies and mental unwellness with an emphasis on prevention rather than punitive action. They also work pro-actively for the purpose of resolving conflicts and helping students.

Also, University Police supervises the Walksafe Program and is involved with many service-oriented committees. Officers are assigned liaison duties with various student interest groups and work closely with administrative decision makers. Two corporals also tutor First Aid sessions and teach the Non Violent Crisis Intervention Program.

The University Police Office is located at the Meeting Place by the entrance to the South Building. You need not have an issue to speak with the officers. Everyone is always welcome to drop by for a friendly chat.

PHONE NUMBERS:

Emergency: **905 569- 4333** (You can dial this number at any pay phone on campus without depositing money)

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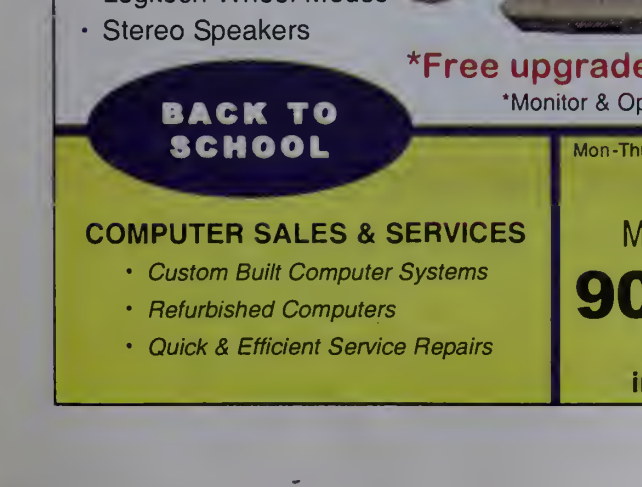

REGISTRARIAL SERVICES

The office of Registrarial Services publishes the College Calendar and UTM Registration Guide. We are responsible for maintaining students' records and provide course registration information and assistance, timetabling and room bookings, final examination scheduling, appeal procedures (petitions) for exceptions to university rules and policies, recruitment and admission information, graduation requests, certification letters, and authorization letters to attend other universities as visiting students.

Academic Advising, Personal Counseling, and **Financial information** are all available through Registrarial Services.

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Registrarial Services is located in Room 2122, South Building (off the meeting place).

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UCS

UNDERGRADUATE COMMERCE SOCIETY (formerly known as CASE) is a student organization based at the Mississauga campus of the University of Toronto. Over the past thirty years our membership has grown consistently; during the 2001-2002 school term, our membership surpassed 350 members. Its existence is made possible by the ongoing efforts of the students in the Commerce program. UCS is a non-profit organization that requires support from the University of Toronto as well as individuals and the business community. Our main goal is to serve Commerce students by providing them with career and school-related information as well as opportunities to interact with professionals from different firms and accounting bodies. UCS focuses on four functional areas of business: Accounting, Finance, Consulting, and Marketing. We also provide University of Toronto's Commerce students with opportunities to participate in social events where they can further develop their interpersonal and networking skills. Our organization believes that it is important for students to be aware of the changes that are occurring in the job market and have access to information in order to make informed decisions about their careers.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

UTM Student Affairs works primarily with student leaders and the campus' student services, ultimately supporting and encouraging an environment where students can succeed academically. UTM Student Affairs encourages student involvement in campus governance, including coordination and support for the Quality Service to Students (QSS) committee, providing a regular dialogue on 'quality of student life' issues, and the Student Centre Management Board. Student Affairs also reinforces the value of community involvement through activities such as the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and the Volunteer and Involvement Fair. Student Affairs also works with other campus and university departments to encourage cross-campus involvement and understanding.

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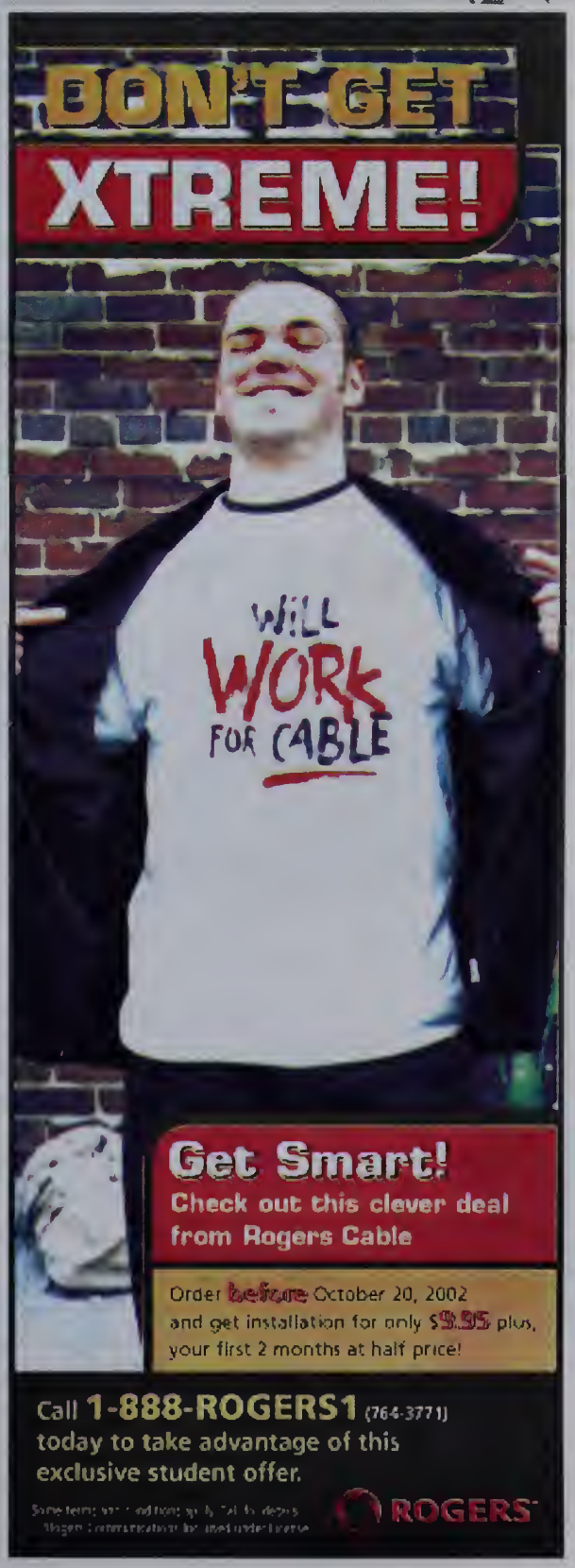
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The AccessAbility Resource Centre provides information, support and advocacy on behalf of students with medical, physical, learning, visual, hearing or mental health disabilities. Students who have a temporary disability (broken arm, surgery) are also eligible for services.

Some of the services provided by the Centre include: pre-university advising, individual disability counseling, academic accommodations (tests and exams, note-taking), access to print material in alternate formats (Braille, audio cassette, large print), mobility orientation, access to bursaries, access to adaptive technology and referrals to services on and off campus.

The Centre also runs a large volunteer program. There are many opportunities available including note-taking, access in the classroom and library, and reading books onto audio cassette.

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The Office itself has a highly visible and accessible location, symbolically representing its centrality and accessibility to all UTM constituents. The Office is unique in its specific commitment to the UTM community, while also extending its boundaries to initiatives on the St. George and Scarborough campuses and in the external community.

In keeping with the institutional goals, the DRO is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating programming directed to the maintenance of an inclusive learning environment. It addresses issues of gender, sexual orientation, being differently-able, culture, race, and equity for students, staff and faculty.

The primary functions of the DRO are as follows: to act as a confidential counseling resource for students, staff, and faculty in dealing with diversity issues or cross-cultural conflict; to develop diversity programming initiatives for students, student leaders and clubs executives; to work with the orientation team to develop diversity workshops for new students; to work with Human Resources to support diversity sensitization workshops for staff; to advise the Principal, Deans and other campus administrators relating to staff and diversity issues; to liaise with Equity Issues Advisory Group (EIAG).

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RESIDENCE CENTRE

The Residence Centre, located within Phase VI, is dedicated to housing and supporting student development within the community. On campus housing consists of townhouses, apartments, suites and bachelor units. The Residence Centre houses over 1000 residents on campus including undergraduates, graduates and families.

The Residence Life Program is committed to creating a community atmosphere that focuses on strengthening the physical and mental health of the community members. The Residence Life Staff, consisting of Dons and Residence Assistants, are committed to developing and maintaining this community spirit. For more information on the Residence Life Program, visit their new office located in Colman Lounge.

The Residence Dons are responsible for the environmental well-being of a group of undergraduate residents. Dons act as resources and counselors for students who live on campus. They organize and implement programs for residents to develop themselves as individuals and as community members. Dons are hired undergraduate students. Applications are available at the Residence Centre in February.

Residence Assistants (RAs) are hired undergraduate students that oversee a group of upper year resident students. RAs, like Dons, are a resource, counselor and community programmer for their students.

For more information about the Residence Centre, applying for residence, or how to become a Don or RA, call 905-828-5286, or email (resinfo@utm.utoronto.ca), or fax 905-828-5473.
You may also visit the website: (www.utm.utoronto.ca/residence).

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MOVIE REVIEW

BY ANDREA CIVICHINO

He's Vin Diesel - Aa perfect specimen of every woman's dream man; , a juicy piece of eye-candy. I wish I could say the same thing about his acting in his latest movie *XXX*.

XXX stars Vin Diesel as Xander - a smart-ass James Bond with a rotten attitude. He's a thrill-seeker and in trouble with the law until a scar-faced National Security Agent named Gibbons (Samuel L. Jackson) makes an offer Xander cannot refuse: work for us, or go to jail.

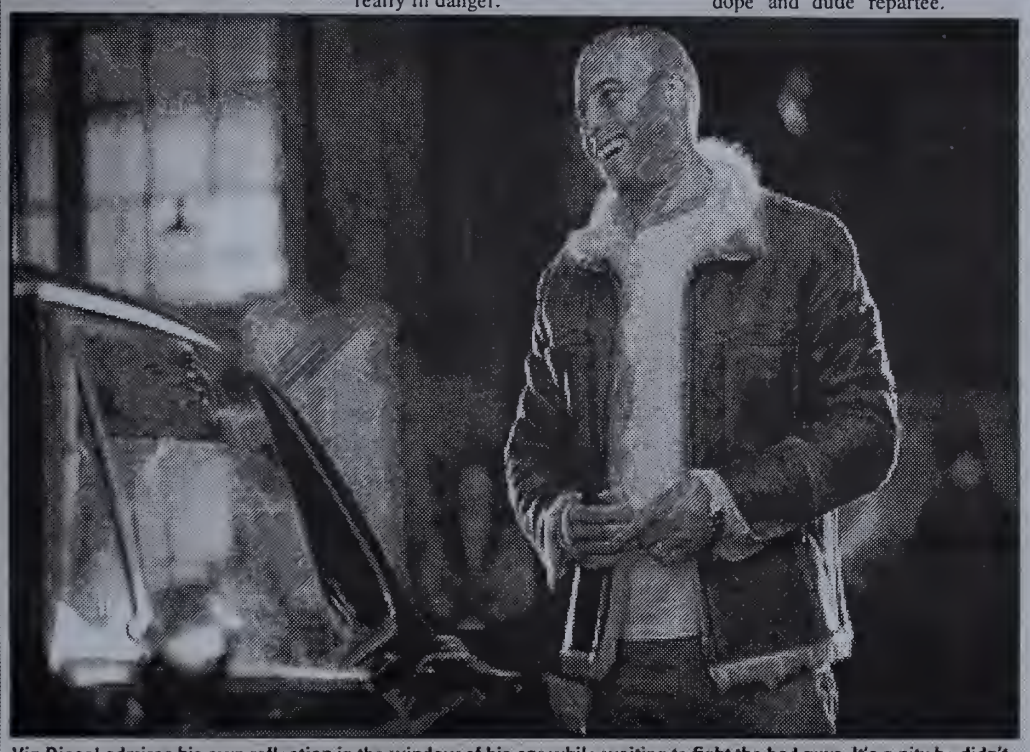
After an excruciating testing period, Gibbons recruits a reluctant Xander and sends him to Prague to infiltrate the Anarchy 99 organization. The leader of this dangerous group, Yorgi (Marton Csokas), has gotten hold ofattained the destructive "silent night', a biological weapon. His Xander's mission is to obtain as much information as he humanly can. But before he can uncover the essentials, Xander must befriend Yorgi and his clan, even if it means swilling champagne with a mob of ruthless men and underdressed women; one of which whom Xander eventually hooks up with.

The action scenes are elaborate, even if they are unrealistic. Director Rob Cohen has forgotten that the audience genuinely needs to believe that the characters are really in danger.

For instance, Xander defies the laws of physics by out-running an avalanche on a snowboard, and performs a free-form grind down a staircase rail while on a silver serving tray. Cohen, who scored a major hit with Diesel in *The Fast and the Furious*, tries very hard to make sure that there is plenty of action, overblown scenes and heavy metal music to prevent anyone from thinking about what's on the screen.

I can't blame everything on Diesel because it's really the scriptwriters that make him look like such an ass.

His jokes are typical brainless wisecracks, his one-liners are cheesier than cheese Cheese Whiz itself and I lost count for every 'dope' and 'dude' repartee.



Vin Diesel admires his own reflection in the window of his car while waiting to fight the bad guys. It's a pity he didn't check his acting in the movie before it hit the Box Office.

Magnifique *Cirque de Soleil*

DANCE REVIEW

BY ANDREA CIVICHINO

They're a deceptive bunch, - clad in an array of colourful spandex costumes. They are capable of going where the average person wouldn't dare to go. They cannot be human. This is not your conventional circus – it's Varekai!

Invoke the image

Varekai, or 'wherever', originates from Romany, in the language of the Gypsies, the universal wanderers. It is Cirque de Soleil's 14th live production since the launch of Dralion in 1999. Varekai depicts a world where anything is possible.

Provoke the senses

Step into a forest, where a volcano exists in an extraordinary world, a world where anything is possible. The sky lets goreleases a solitary young man, and the enchanting story begins. Parachuted into the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world emerges, filled with creatures, fairies and demons. The young man takes flight in an adventure, both absurd and extraordinary. This is Varekai!

Evoke the emotions

The place is the blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau at Ontario Place. The last time I went to a circus was more than 10 years ago at Maple Leaf Gardens – I believe it was the Garden Brothers Circus. The two cannot be compared. Cirque's elaborate production makes it stand out from the rest.Thinking that Cirque was like the GBC, I expected to see little white poodles jumping through holahula-hoops and defiant lions roaring at their trainers. Instead I saw creatures emerging from underneath the stage, while others performed acrobatic tricks in the air while descending from the sky.

The combination of the music and the movements of the dancers created an extraordinary environment. The live music was specially composed for the different scenes of

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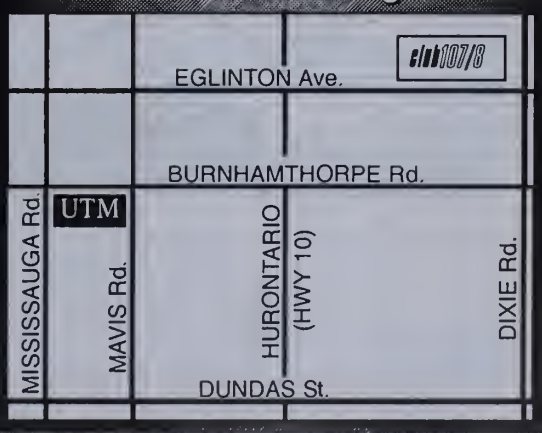

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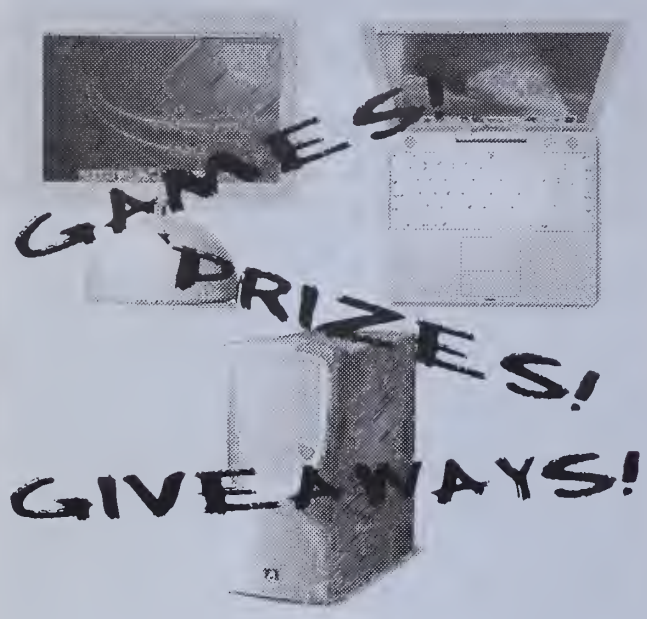

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Cirque de Soleil shines bright

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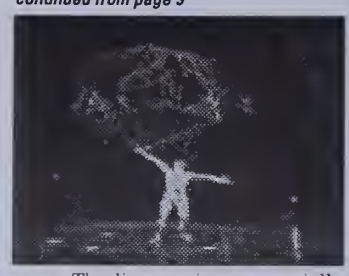


ment. The live music was specially composed for the different scenes of the show. As the music intensified, so did the swiftness of the acrobats. My heart pounded with fear when the acrobats launched themselves into the air and landed across the tent on a trampoline. The show's intensity left many people on the edge of their seats in a nail-biting position.

The only qualm I have is that you will probably need to attend the performance twiceone performance is not enough to really appreciate its beauty and uniqueness. There is was so much movement and focal points that I missed most of the choreography happening along the sides of the stage. Overall, the show is was flamboyant, sexy and emotional. It leaves you with a feeling of encouragement and determination. That's Verakai – where anything is possible.

Cirque de Soleil was seen at Ontario Place on August 8. It will continue to run at that location until September 8.

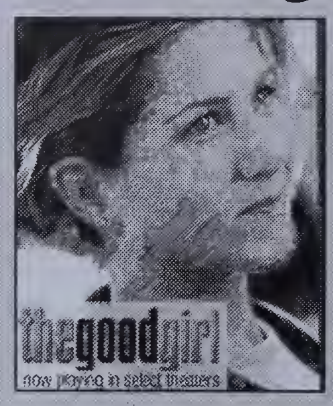
The only *Good* thing is Aniston

MOVIE REVIEW

BY ANDREA CIVICHINO

The Good Girl is a story about the desire to change without the determination or confidence. Justine (Jennifer Aniston) is the good girl and opens the scene with a narration: "As a little girl you see the world like a giant candy store, but one day you look around and see a prison."

Thirty years old and working in a Texas discount store, she put her dreams on hold to marry her high school sweetheart, Phil (John C Reilly) a lazy, pot smoking, waste of time. Her life is nearly a standstill, until she meets Holden (Jake Gyllenhaal), a clerk at the same store. There's really nothing inspiring or seductive about Holden. He's always buried in his paperback copy of "The Catcher in the Rye" and hides his sorrows and dysfunctional life behind the book cover.



Good girl Jennifer Aniston is good enough in this movie.

Although he is young, and disaffected as Justine, together the two forge a passionate connection destined to shatter everything Justine stands for, or at least thinks she does.

Justine finds herself drawn to his stories, perhaps they remind her of own monotonous life and give her the encouragement to escape. She wanders if there are others out there like her with enough courage to plan an escape.

After spending time with Holden she realizes that being with him emulates the relationship she has with her husband. Once again, she finds herself trapped in a cage.

Screenwriter/actor Mike White, also known for his involvement in Chuck & Buck, Orange County), fails to create spark in the storyline. The characters in this film sleepwalk from scene to scene, lacking spirit, energy and a purpose to live freely.

Each scene has a similar dry and uninteresting melodramatic tone of a daily soap-opera. The film fails to recognize that Phil is as trapped as Justine, except he uses pot as a scapegoat.

Many actors, especially those who are identified with one particular role, bring a great deal of baggage with them to any part.

Jennifer Aniston leaves her character of Rachel behind on the set of NBC's Friends, and presents a more mature, sophisticated role. Her performance is forceful and effective. Too bad, the rest of the film was too passive.

CD REVIEW

BY ANDREA CIVICINO

Brad
Welcome To Discovery Park
Genre: Alternative Rock
www.bradcorporation.com

Brad - a sensitive Seattle based rock Bank, delivers its third album "Welcome To Discovery Park." Brad's core members Shawn Smith, StoneGossard (guitarist for Pearl Jam), Regan Hagar and Mike Berg invited multi-instrumentalist Thaddeus Turner and percussionist Elizabeth Pupo-Walker to add their own musical touches for this album. 70's rock style, on their warm-sounding, soul-infused album.

"Welcome To Discovery Park" wanders along a cloudless pathway that leads to a place without modern-day stresses. It's a 70's rock style album outfitted with funky rock grooves and catchy pop melodies, mirroring its member's distinct personalities.

Their hit "La la la" is Brad's wish of a utopian world, without the existence of prison, hate and hunger.

The group's strong friendship values are shown in "Never Let You Down," a song about one's assurance to always be there for a friend in need. The vocals are heartbreaking and full of compassion and soul.

Stone contributes wonderful melodic guitar work, and brings some Pearl Jam influence in to the album. Shawn's voice is soothing and sings with compassion.

NOW 7
(EMI)
Genre: HipHop, Dance, Rock

I'm am usually a huge fan of compilation CD''s. I enjoy the variety of songs that are typically included, and purchasing one CD as opposed to 18 different CD''s definitely avoids straining on my debit card.

Since my CD collection best resembles a Baskin Robbins ice cream parlor - 41 different flavours to please everyone's preferencetaste - I'd readily welcome any compilation CD onto my CD rack. As an owner of other previous NOW compiltions, I'm not so sure that NOW 7 meets the standard. NOW 7 is a collection of 18 over-played hits, ranging from Enrique Iglesias' "Hero" to Nickelback''s "How You Remind Me,"mashed onto one CD.

Although there are a few hits that you can listen to repeatedly - U2's 'Stuck In A Moment'. I found mysclf scanning through the CD rather than listening to it in its entirety. While there's no rule to what can be put on a compilation CD, the only connection between all 18 hits is - Yawn.

Most of the artists featured did not deserve to be invited onto a NOW 7. How can one draw a comparison between U2, a veteran to the music scene, and Michelle Branch, a 17-year-old newcomer to the music industry? While the majority of songs have landed within the top 15 of most musical charts, the CD lacks harmonious flow. The greatest disappointment is Wave's California. It drowns amongst higher profile artists.

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SPORTS

UTM Coed Summer Softball League – CPE2 takes it all

BY JON LEE

Summertime is the season for baseball and with that the UTM Summer Softball League commenced. Seven teams participated this year: CPE(Phys. Ed. Department) 1 and 2, the Northstars, M. Biotech, CCBytes, Rez, and the Biology Biohazards (yep, one for those Resident Evil fans). The league lasted from July to August (no strikes or lockouts in this league) with the top four teams making the playoffs.

The finals were owned by CPE2. They won 9-3 playing a full seven innings. CPE2 had a stifling defensive set-up as each player put their bodies on the line to catch and knockdown every single ball hit their way. J-Lo, the best player for M.Biotech that day, batted 2 for 2 with 2 doubles and 2 runs. CPE2's team effort won them the championship, led by Darryl Sequeira (3 for 4, 3 run homerun, 2 runs scored), Carolyn (2 singles), and Steve (4 for 4, 2 runs scored, double, 1 RBI). Second baseman Rhian made the highlight-reel catch and doubled off the runner at first base to end the game and seal the victory. Congrats to them and the rest of the team: Rich, Mike Thomas, Konrad, Cameron and Ian Mitchell.

While Major League Baseball threathened a strike, UTM's Coed Summer Softball League continued with another successful season. Faculty and summer students competed in another grueling season with many balls flying over the fence. *file photo*

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UTM Varsity Rowing looks for recruits to continue winning tradition

By Patricia Thompson

Eight bodies move as one. Eight torsos mimic a pendulum, swinging forwards and back, pausing together and moving together. Sixteen feet and countless toes grip wooden footstops. Eight pairs of legs drive back against the footstops, hands and arms extensions of the oar, forcing the water forward. The wooden bow cuts a line through the water, a razor through the darkness. The sky is inky black, a canvas for the night's light. Stars crowd the sky, so close, you think you can reach up and wiggle one free. As the wet cotton of your shirt attaches to your perspiration-slickened skin, time passes and the celestial bodies trade places. Now, a small orange ball casts its rays onto the water. It hovers above the shoreline. The sky resembles an abstract painting, paint spilled on the canvas, colours streaming together, cerulean blues, dusty pinks, and lemon yellows swirling into each other. The river silences for a moment, and then resumes its sounds of water slapping against the wooden shell and the hum of the coach boat's motor, as eight rowers glide towards the docks.

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		Sept 17, 18,19	9:30 - 11:00 pm.
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